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REBEL UNDERGROUND

We here at the University of Mississippi should and must stand up for what we believe in. The purpose of the REBEL UNDERGROUND is not to cast discredit upon any person because we believe that each and every person has a right to his own beliefs. The reason that we use this method to bring to the students and faculty our beliefs on controversial subjects that we must face is because we honestly believe that although we could state our ideas in the MISSISSIPPIAN, our names could possibly reach some of our professors, and thus our grades might, but by no means necessarily, could be affected. We ask that if you disagree with our ideas please let us and the other students at the University know of your disagreement through the MISSISSIPPIAN.

Although we believe in the right of any individual to believe as he desires, we do not believe that if a person is working for a state, that he should actively engage on policies that are in opposition to the laws of the state for which he works. Dr. James Silver, in our opinion, should not incite people to break the laws of the State of Mississippi, either directly or indirectly, while he is in the employ of the State of Mississippi. Dr. Silver is paid by the taxpayers of Mississippi to teach History, a field in which he is most qualified, and not to try to cast discredit upon the state, or to try to tear down the customs and laws of the State. It is our opinion that if Dr. Silver wishes to work for what is commonly called "civil rights", that he should resign from the staff of the University and seek a position in another area of the country. If Dr. Silver really believes in what he supports, then it would seem sensible for him to move to an area where he could work full time for his beliefs. As long as he remains in Mississippi, he will spend more time fighting with state officials than working for his beliefs, or maybe we are wrong in thinking that he really believes in "civil rights", but is simply trying to receive personal publicity. Dr. Silver would have no trouble in securing a position in another section of the country because, as we have already stated, he is a qualified History professor. If Dr. Silver really thinks as much of the University as he says he does, then he should resign from the staff to help save it. If Dr. Silver does not resign, the University will probably lose its accreditation. The reason for this belief is because if there is no resignation forthcoming, then we believe that Dr. Silver, along with several others, will be fired before the beginning of the Fall Semester of the 1964-1965 school year. To some of us the loss of accreditation to the University of Mississippi would not affect us because we plan to work in this area of the country, and our diplomas will be respected as much as ever. But what of those students who plan to work in other areas? These are the people who the loss of accreditation will hurt. We do not believe that Dr. Silver will stop spouting his views, and we do not believe that State officials will stop short of firing him. Thus we will lose our accreditation on the grounds of political interference with institutions of higher learning. This would happen regardless of the fact that the State would be acting in its own best interest. Let there be no misunderstanding, we of the REBEL UNDERGROUND are in favor of an end to the services of Dr. James Silver, whether he resigns and helps the University, or waits to be fired and hurts the University, this is up to him.

POINT OF INFORMATION ON INTERGRATION LEADERS: Roy Wilkins, Executive Secretary of the NAACP.

Member National Committee "International Juridical Association." Sponsor of "Pan American Democracy Conference". Sponsor of "American League Against War and Fascism". Sponsor of "American Friends for Chinese People". Speaker for "International Labor Defense". Speaker for "Workers Alliance". Each of the above are Communist Front or subversive organizations as cited by the United States House Committee on UnAmerican Activities.

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